Industrial units in residental areas

1447. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1074 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2007 and state;

(a) whether the industrial unit referred to in the reply as well as one more unit are still running in the residential areas of Buxi Bazar, Allahabad;

(b) the reasons for delay in enforcing the orders of the closure;

(c) the date and details of action taken against these industrial units for violating the environmental Acts;

(d) the reasons for allowing these industrial units to function in residential area despite their not having NOC and other environmental clearances; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against official found lax in performing their duty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (e) As reported by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), there is only one industrial unit namely, M/s. Natraj Tiles running in the residential areas of Buxi Bazar, Allahabad. The UPPCB had requested the Nagar Nigam, Allahabad to take action against the unit but due to certain legal issues, closure of the industrial unit could not take place. The UPPCB thereafter issued show-cause notice to the unit under Section 31A of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 on 27.11.07 for violating the Environmental Acts. In compliance to the show-cause notice, the response given by the unit was not found satisfactory by the UPPCB. Consequently, the Board issued closure order against M/s. Natraj Tiles, Buxi Bazar, Allahabad on 5.3.08 and the unit is reported to have been closed down on 6.3.08. The UPPCB has initiated actions with respect to the delay in this regard.

Increasing sea level

†1448. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the consequent upon well-known Global Warming the sea level is increasing continuously;

(b) whether any steps are being taken by Government for protection of coastal areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Government is aware of the implication of the sea level rise due to projected climate change. The past observations on the mean sea level along the Indian coast show a long-term rising trend of about 1.0 millimetre (mm)/year. The recent data suggests a rising trend of 2.5 mm/year in the sea-level along Indian coastline. Model simulation studies, indicate that the oceanic region adjoining the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.